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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicant assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-16 are pending in the application. Claims 1-16 have been rejected. Claims 1, 8 and 13 through 16 have been amended.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the amendments to the claims

CLAIM REJECTIONS**35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejections**

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 13-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 101. Claims 13 through 16 have been amended to address the Examiner's rejection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 13-16 under 35 USC 101 be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8 and 11-16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by Bannai et al (US 6,647,428). Applicant respectfully traverse this rejection in view of the remarks that follow.

The Bannai reference teaches:

"An architecture for transport of multiple services in connectionless packet-based networks is described herein, along with the packet format used for data transport in this architecture. The architecture supports transport of both connectionless packetized data and framed data from synchronous leased lines. The architecture

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supports transparent packetization of incoming DSI data. The architecture works for mesh architectures but is optimized for OSI Layer 1 (crossconnect) and Layer 2 (Virtual LAN, or VLAN) services and for ring topologies, since for these services in a ring no path setup is required using a label distribution protocol. In addition, it simultaneously supports OSI Layer 1, Layer 2, and Layer 3 services."

On the other hand:

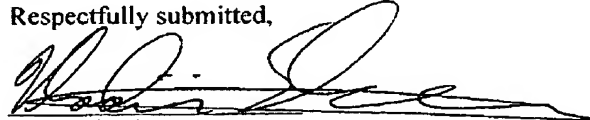
Independent claims 1, 8 and 13, as originally filed, are directed to operating a non-volatile memory device. In the interest of expediting prosecution, however, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 8 and 13 to better clarify that these claims relate to the addressing of memory in a non-volatile memory device.

In view of the fact that the cited reference relates to communication, while the amended independent claims clarify the fact that they relate to a non-volatile memory device, Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw his 102 rejection of independent claims 1, 8 and 13. Applicant considers claims 1, 8 and 13 allowable over the cited reference. Applicant considers all the claims depending there-from to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on allowable base claims 1, 8 and 13.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are considered by Applicant to be allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

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